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## **SOUTHEAST TEXANS SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL GUN CRIMES**

(Beaumont, TX) Two southeast Texas men were sentenced this week for separate federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

**THEODORE LEE FOLLIE, JR.**, 26, of Beaumont, was sentenced Monday to 115 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

According to information presented in court, Follie was stopped by Silsbee Police on January 4, 2005, for a routine traffic violation. During the stop, ammunition was spotted in his vehicle and a search was conducted, revealing two firearms and crack cocaine.

Follie was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and pleaded guilty on August 10, 2005. Follie has a 1999 felony conviction in Hardin County for possession of a controlled substance.

In a separate case, **TIMOTHY DEWAYNE TURNER**, 33, of Orange, was sentenced Monday to 97 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

According to information presented in court, evidence obtained during an investigation into the burglary of a residence on Texas Street in Orange,

led officers with the Orange Police Department to a neighboring residence and the defendant. After speaking to Turner and observing his behavior, a search warrant was obtained. A search of Turner's home revealed the stolen property, consisting of 20 shotguns and rifles, 10 handguns, power tools, a police radio and other items.

Turner pleaded guilty to felon in possession of a firearm on August 18, 2005. Turner has a 1997 felony conviction in Yazoo County, Mississippi for auto burglary.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer. Both cases were investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Fluke.

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